



International Correspondence Chess Federation

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Report to 2011 Congress Direct Entry Program

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Dear Chessfriends,

I am pleased to submit the report to the 2011 ICCF Congress regarding the Direct Entry program. The period of this report will be from the program start on 05.04.2006 through 31.05.2011.

§1 Appointment of a Deputy Direct Entry Commissioner.

I appointed as a Deputy Commissioner for the Direct Entry Program, SIM Ian M. Pheby, International Arbiter [ENG], on February 7th, 2011.

Ian provided the Executive Board a short introduction:

My name is Ian Michael Pheby, I hold the Senior International Master title and I am an ICCF International Arbiter. I am 59 years old, married with two daughters, and my wife and I live in London, England. I am a retired scientific consultant specialising in the supply and international transport of dangerous goods during which time I was the chemical expert for the UK Competent Authorities. I have been involved in chess administration since 1969 and currently hold various posts within the BFCC and within the London Civil Service Chess League for which I have been Chairman for 22 years. In 2009 I received an ECF President's Award for my services to chess. My work for the ICCF includes acting as a TD for many tournaments, and together with my new post I am also Deputy of the Office of Special Leave. In our spare time my wife and I enjoy visiting gardens particularly the world renowned Kew Gardens <http://www.kew.org/> which is only a short drive from where we live.

Ian is working almost alone on the entries for two months now, since I'm having a special burden with organizing the DE5A, leading some projects on the Webserver with the Services Direction, and fulfill my duty as Legal Counsel to EB in view of the ICCF Legal Registration. My gratitude for his excellent and serious work, testifying, once again, of his long and loyal commitment to the ICCF. **For this reason, I would like that the Executive Board think about proposing him to Congress for a Bertl von Massow medal¹.**

¹ Appendix 1

Ian's training will be over next June 24/25th, we then will meet together in London for a final training session.

§2 Direct Entry 5th Webserver Anniversary

The Direct Entry program that works from the Webserver and through Paypal celebrated its fifth anniversary on April 5th 2011. To celebrate the occasion, a tournament was organized and was a big success with players belonging to Member Federations that had joined the Direct Entry program. More information should be provided by the Non-Title Tournaments Commissioner.

§3 Information about the Direct Entry program 2010-2011

From January to December 2010, 1069 entries for ICCF tournaments were registered, that is 2.93 enrolments per day each week, representing a slight increase compared with 2009 (1038 entries, 2.84 per day)².

These figures increased considerably from January to May 2011 (**770 entries in 5 months, 5.13 per day**)³. There seem to be two identified reasons: firstly the number of players who came from the DE5A Tournament and secondly the fact that **Italy, Poland, Switzerland, Belgium and Croatia joined the Direct Entry Program**.

§4 The “New Player” new feature

Thanks to the increased capacity of the server, the new procedure gives the opportunity for the National Federations to either accept or refuse the enrolment of a new player in the ICCF tournament. Indeed it is these Federations that now receive the registration requests and consequently they are now responsible for creating a new user in the database with the creation of a digital identifier. **The Direct Entry Office does not any longer create new users.**

§5 Achieving the consistency of the DE program

Consequently it would seem logical to complete the system and to enable the Federations to take this authorization away from players who are no longer members of their federations.

This possibility would be technically easy to implement. All that is required is to enable the National Delegates to enrol a player on the suspended players list with the motive “no longer a member of the federation” for an “indeterminate” time. Similarly the National Delegates would be the sole persons responsible for lifting the suspension should the player become a member of the National Federation.

I therefore suggest that the Congress should vote the following motion to be included in the Tournament Rules⁴:

10.5 The Direct Entry Program enables players from countries that do not have national correspondence chess associations to enrol in ICCF tournaments. It consists in the player

² Appendix 3

³ Appendix 4

⁴ Appendix 2

enrolling and paying online for the tournament of his choice subject to the necessary qualifications set out in the present Tournament Rules.

10.6 The Direct Entry Program can also be used by the players who belong to a federation that is a member of the ICCF, or to a federation or an organization that is a member of the Direct Entry Program. In this case 30% of the net fees received by the ICCF are credited to the contributions account of the Member Federation.

10.7 When a new player from a country that has a correspondence chess association that is a member of the ICCF enrolls in an ICCF tournament or requests to be registered on the ICCF database, this request is sent to the competent Member Federation which will either accept or refuse the player's request.

10.8 When a player from a country that has a correspondence chess association that is a member of the ICCF is no longer member of his Federation, the latter has the possibility to take away his authorization to use the Direct Entry Program by adding him to the ICCF's list of suspended players for an indeterminate time, stipulating that the player is no longer a member of his national association. The Member Federation also has the possibility at any time to take his name off the list of suspended players.

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It has been an honour to serve the ICCF during this time and I hope the ICCF will give the opportunity to serve again in the future.

/s/

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Appendix 1: proposal for Bertl von Massow

Appendix 2: insertion of the Direct Entry in the Tournament Rules

Appendix 3: DE year 2010

Appendix 4: DE year 2011, from January to May 2011

Appendix 1:

The Congress awards SIM Ian M. Pheby, International Arbiter [ENG] the Bertl von Massow Bronze Medal.

YES

NAY

ABSTENTION

Appendix 2:

The Congress decides to add to the Tournament Rules the following items:

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Appendix 3: year 2010

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DE Applications	389	728	822	1038	1069
Average Applications per day	1,44	1,99	2,25	2,84	2,93

World Championships					
WCCC - Preliminaries	3	6	23	10	3
WCCC - Semifinals	1	2	5	2	1
WCCC - Candidates	1	6	11	6	1
World Cups					
World Cups	46	NR	NR	95	NR
Veterans World Cups	NR	NR	NR	28	46
Junior World Cup	NR	NR	6	NR	NR
Norm Tournaments					
Grandmaster Norm	4	6	8	9	19
Master Norm	9	16	22	18	25
Champions League					
Champions League	NR	103	NR	166	NR
Promotion Tournaments					
Open Class	174	324	313	292	337
Higher Class	39	56	88	153	94
Master Class	41	66	63	63	89
Thematics					
Thematics	10	30	14	22	47
Jubilee Tournaments					
NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Direct Entry Events					
DE5A	NR	NR	NR	NR	139
Money Prize Tournaments					
Money Prize Tournaments	NR	113	169	131	102
Fast Money Prize	NR	NR	NR	25	34
Rapid Tournaments					
Rapid Tournaments	NR	NR	4	10	NR
Blitz Tournaments					
Blitz Tournaments	NR	NR	7	8	NR
Open Tournaments					
Webchess Open	61	NR	89	NR	132

* From 05.04.06 - 31.12.06

Appendix 4: January 1st, 2011 to May 31th, 2011

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